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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR SECRETARY SIMON

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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

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1. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE MEETINGS THAT I HAD WITH YOU LAST WEEK THAT WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INFORM THE GOS WHETHER OR NOT A SUBSIDY WAS FOUND TO EXIST IN THE SPANISH EXPORT REBATE SYSTEM ON FOOTWEAR. ALSO, IF THE ANSWER TO THE FOREGOING WAS POSITIVE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO INDICATE TO THE SPANISH WHAT PERCENT WAS INVOLVED. THE PURPOSE OF THIS BEING TO ENABLE FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA TO ANNOUNCE THE ELIMINATION OF THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT FROM THEIR REBATE WHEN HE CALLED ON SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. THE PRESENT PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF TREASURY'S FINDINGS SO THAT THESE COULD BE

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RELAYED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

I THEREFORE URGENTLY REQUEST THAT I BE ADVISED OF TREASURY'S FINDINGS BEFORE THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 18 SO THAT I CAN PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO VICE PRESIDENT AND FINANCE MINISTER BARRERA AND TO DIRECTOR GENERAL BASSOLS, WHO DEPARTS JUNE 19 TO JOIN CORTINA IN WASHINGTON. THE NATURE OF CORTINA'S PRESENTATION ON THE COUNTER-VAILING ISSUE, OF COURSE, IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THIS INFORMATION.

3. THE BALL IS IN OUR COURT AND IT IS NOW TIME FOR US TO RESPOND IF WE ARE TO SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT BETWEEN YOU AND MINISTER BARRERA. AS WILL BE RECALLED YOU MADE THE COMMITMENT TO BARRERA THAT NO PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE WOULD TAKE PLACE IF THE SPANISH REMOVED ANY SUBSIDY THAT TREASURY MIGHT FIND TO EXIST IN THE GOS REBATE SYSTEM. THIS, OF COURSE, WAS CONTINGENT ON TREASURY'S COMMUNICATING TO THE SPANISH ITS FINDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLICATION MECHANISM WAS SET IN MOTION.

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